



ST NICHOLAS
ANGLICAN CHURCH, BIRCH CLIFF

Easter Day
Holy Eucharist

March 31, 2024
10:30am Communion & Music

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

Responding to God's love for us and all people,
the parish of St. Nick's seeks to know Christ
and make him known in worship, friendship and service
with our neighbourhood and in the world.

Everyone is welcome to join us in our common life
of faith, doubt, trust, challenge and love.

Welcome to St. Nick's!

Whether you're here virtually or in-person, for the first time or the hundredth time, it's a blessing to have you praying with us today. Our sidespeople are the friendly people at the back of the church who can help you with anything you need. Everything you need today is in this leaflet. We hope you'll participate as you feel comfortable.



Washrooms

Our washrooms are downstairs, which you can get to by the staircase near the left-side chapel, or by the elevator, also in the chapel. For help with the elevator, speak to one of our sidespeople.

Accessibility

If you need extra space for a walker or wheelchair, our sidespeople will show you to the accessibility pew near the front of the church. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, let one of the sidespeople know.



Better Sight and Sound

Large-print copies of this leaflet are also available: just ask a sidesperson. If you have difficulty hearing, we have audio-assistive devices that will help you hear the service better.

Children and Families

Young kids and their parents are free to roam the church throughout the service. There are activity bags at the back for older children – just ask a sidesperson. Families can also hang out in our Nick's Nook, the big open space on the right side of the church, where parents can still hear and participate in the service.



Offertory

If you wish to make a monetary gift while you're here, you can place your offering on the plate at the back of the church on your way in or out. There are guest envelopes in the pews you can use. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. You can also make an e-offering through Canada Helps, using this QR code.

Territorial Acknowledgment & Commitment to Reconciliation

We acknowledge that the land on which our parish sits is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. We also recognize, and pray for the continual grace to honour the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude I Know that my Redeemer Liveth' (G.F. Handel)

Opening Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (Common Praise #203)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

**Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***People:* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

***People:* May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

Because our celebrations this year did not include an Easter Vigil, we prepare and bless our paschal candle now, to be used for another year of baptisms, funerals and paschal celebrations.

Celebrant: O God, source of all light and life, as we gather on this joyful Easter morning, we ask your blessing upon this Paschal candle, a symbol of Christ, our light in the darkness, and the hope of resurrection. May its flame dispel the shadows of doubt and fear, and may its glow illuminate our hearts and minds with the truth of your eternal love.

As we light this candle, may it remind us of the victory of life over death, and inspire us to live risen lives, reflecting your glory in all we do.

Bless this candle, O Lord, and bless all who gather in its radiance, that we may be filled with the joy of Easter and share its message of hope with the world. Through Christ our risen Lord,

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise

**All: (sung) Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(A time of silence is kept.)*

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation of God's Word

You may be seated during the readings.

Reading Acts 10:34-43

Reader: A Reading from the book of Acts

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The choir will sing the verses, and everyone is invited to join in the refrain.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Choir: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

* Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

* There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Choir: "The right hand of the LORD is exalted, and does valiantly."

* I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

* Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Choir: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

* I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

* This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

* This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

As you're able, stand and face the procession as it moves down the aisle.

All: *[sung]* Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia! *[x2]*

Reader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you. Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

All: Glo - ry be to you, O Lo-rd, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Reading John 20:1-18

Reader: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,

'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.



All: Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

Homily Fr. Andrew

After an opening prayer, the preacher will invite you to be seated.

Confession of Faith

As you're able, you may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,
I believe in one God,

All: **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

As you're comfortable, you're welcome to stand, sit or kneel for the prayers.

At the end of each prayer, the leader will offer this invitation...

Leader: ...let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of Glory!**

Confession and Absolution, and Sharing of Christ's Peace

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy: he welcomes sinners, and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A brief silence is kept. As you're comfortable, you're invited to kneel or sit.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

As you're able, you may stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

You may turn to friend and neighbour, and share a sign of God's peace.

Welcome & Announcements

You may be seated as we hear about ministries & events coming up at St. Nick's.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now* (Common Praise #239)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

**Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can no more, O death, appal us.
Jesus lives! By this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! Henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! For us he died; then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! Our hearts know well nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!**

Celebrant: God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of you Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: *(sung)* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

As you're comfortable, you may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you

have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father in heaven,

**All: hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

People: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

People: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us,

People: that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

All: *(sung)* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion



Everyone is welcome to receive communion.



You may receive both bread and wine, or just the bread, if you wish.



Gluten-free wafers available upon request.



Cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.



Communion can be brought to you if needed: just ask a sidesperson.

Music during Communion

Hymn *Come Away to the Skies* (Common Praise #225)

**Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise
and rejoice in the day thou wast born.**

**On this festival day, come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return.**

**Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days
by our gracious Creator bestowed,
while by grace we receive from God's bounty, we live
to the honour and glory of God.**

**For the glory we were first created to share,
both the nature and kingdom divine!
Now created again that our lives may remain,
throughout time and eternity thine.**

**We with thanks do approve the design of that love
which has joined us to Jesus' name;
so united in heart, let us nevermore part,
till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.**

**Hallelujah we sing, to the heaven's high King,
and our rapturous praises repeat:
to the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again,
sing all heaven, and fall at his feat.**

Choir

Now the green blade rises (Alan Bullard)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, love whom we had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for the three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen:
love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love has come again, like wheat that springs up green!

Hymn

Walk Softly in Springtime (Common Praise #209)

**Walk softly in springtime, to hear the grass sing
Its whispering carols to Jesus our king;
To see the new flowers bright colours display
To tell all the children of glad Easter day.**

**Sing gently in springtime and join with the birds,
Who warble their music, a song without words,
That floats through the air and that reaches the sky,
A message of love to the Father on high.**

**Praise gladly in springtime when earth seems to glow
With new life and colour in all things that grow;
For all nature's children are happy to say,
"Rejoice for the Saviour is risen today."**

Sending of God's People

Prayer after Communion

As you're comfortable, you may stand, sit or kneel for these prayers.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, In the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children of God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, bestow upon us the riches of blessing and grace.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who through the waters of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring us to our eternal inheritance.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn *The Day of Resurrection* (Common Praise #205)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
he Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin;
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude Toccata from Symphony No.5 (C.M. Widor)
You may be seated as the procession passes by you.

May the risen Lord fill you with all hope and peace!
Please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall, hosted by
Joan-Mary Spencer & Elizabeth Brown.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and for the life and witness of the Rev. Al Gearing by Freda and family.

Assisting in today's service:

Readers: Suzanne Lehtinen, Jill Cruse

Intercessor: Janet Baron

Servers: Joshua Spencer

Chalice Bearer: Joshua Spencer, Elaine Fisher

Livestreaming Tech: Katherine Ferrante

Congregational Voice: Vicky Morgan

Sidespeople: Betty and Ron Kimball, Joan-Mary Spencer, Vivienne Radford

Altar Guild: Kathy Roberts, Lynda Cottenden, Vivienne Radford,
Elizabeth Brown

Upholding in prayer this week....

The World: The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Canada: Anglican Bishop Ordinary to the Armed Forces, Bishop Nigel Shaw

Readings for next Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter April 7th

Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31



*The flowers decorating the church
this Easter are given...*

In loving memory of...

Bill Bambrick by Inez & Janet Bambrick

Eric by Elizabeth, Sarah & Richard Brown

Hazel, Doug, Norma, Charles, Celesta, Peggy, Bobbie, MaryAnn, Dolly and Roger by the Cutts, Duggan and Wagnell families

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Charles, Muriel, Amelia, John, Emery, Myrtle, Derek Spencer by Joan-Mary Spencer

Family members by Joan Wilson

And in thanksgiving for loved ones by...

Lynda Cottenden

Aimee Delavigne



Thanks from Fr. Andrew

Our Holy Week & Easter Day services are a joy for all of us to pray and be part of. Thank you to everyone who helped put these liturgies together: to Christine & the choir, our readers and intercessors, the sidespeople, the Altar Guild; also to the Rev. Shelley McVea and the people of St. Saviour's for sharing Maundy Thursday with us; and to Laura, for getting all the details organized and leaflets together. A blessed Eastertide to all of you!

Easter Church Office Closure

The office will be closed on Easter Monday, reopening on Tuesday, April 2.

Family Eclipse Watch Party

Astronomers of all ages, get ready to witness the magic of the cosmos! On Monday, April 8th there will be a near-total solar eclipse, and we're hosting a watch party, with free eclipse glasses and snacks at the church for anyone and everyone who wants to come.

Dr. Roz's – Mother's Day Drive

The Outreach Committee is partnering with Dr. Roz's Healing Place, a centre working toward the eradication of violence against women and children, to make Mother's Day a little brighter for women who are staying in the shelter there. At any given time there are 16-20 women staying at Dr. Roz's. You can help by donating new gifts and Mother's Day cards and leaving them in the bin at the back of the church. Some items you might consider donating are large- and medium-size pyjamas, slippers, face and body creams, scarves or makeup. We'll be accepting gifts until Sunday, May 5, and then we'll wrap and deliver them to the shelter on May 11, the day before Mother's Day. If you have any questions, email Ken Campbell at kcampbell2712@gmail.com.

Bike Drive & Blessing

Do you have a roadworthy adult bike hanging around your garage that you don't use anymore? On April 20th, we'll be running a bike drive in support of the Durham Region Migrant Farm Workers Ministry. These workers who help harvest much of Ontario's local produce arrive in the spring, often without any access to transportation. Bikes allow the workers to travel around their community, access services and events, and be part of community life. The drive will be in late April, but if you have one to donate, we have some space we could keep a bike or two.

Tax Time & PAG

Tax season is a good time to remember the value of making frequent charitable donations throughout the year. It's a value to us in the support of our ministry, and a value to you in the form of deductions. Even a little bit each month grows by the end of the year! If you haven't already, consider signing up for pre-authorized giving, and support St. Nick's whether you're home or away. Ask for a sign-up form at the back of the church today!

Wednesday Eucharist

Looking for a moment of peace and prayer in the middle of the week. Don't forget that we also celebrate a midweek Eucharist every Wednesday at 10am. The service is very informal, with a brief discussion (participation voluntary!) and a simple Eucharist. Never been before? Come by this week!

Do you get emails from the church?

Don't get left out on important announcements and news from the parish! Fill out a contact card in the pew racks or at the back of the church, and hand it to a sidesperson to make sure we've got all the current info about life and ministry at St. Nick's.

The St. Nick's "Favourite Hymn" Bracket Challenge

It's back!...or at least it will be soon! Starting in June, a brand new edition of the critically-acclaimed battle of the hymns! This year, the theme is "The Ones We Missed," and will include hymns that weren't part of last year's challenge. Want to add a hymn? Send it by email to hymns@stnicholasbirchcliff.com, and we'll add as many as we can!

Coffee Hour

We're always grateful for people who offer to host a coffee hour. There's a fresh sign-up sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board, and you can sign up to make tea or coffee, or to bring delicious nibblies to eat. Want to host but aren't sure how to use the kitchen? We have skilled coffee hour veterans who will help you out! Just speak to Fr. Andrew.

Home Eucharistic Visitors

In our parish, we've had the tradition of lay pastoral visitors and lay Eucharistic visitors, who help our pastoral team with visits to our parishioners who aren't able to come to church regularly. If this is a ministry you've done before, or one you'd like to inquire about, speak to Fr. Andrew.

Prayer Chain

Do you have an active prayer life? Would you be willing to pray for people who need prayer? The Prayer Chain is looking for parishioners interested in joining our ministry of praying for people in need. For more info, contact Fr. Andrew or Elaine Fisher.



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